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Election of Claims and Preliminary Amendment

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Election of Claims

In reply to the Examiner's restriction requirement of Jan. 22, 2003, applicants elect to prosecute claims to group I, with traverse.

Applicants herewith amend claims 8-11 for consideration for prosecution in the present case.

The Preliminary Amendment of 8/13/2001 was not entered, and so a new preliminary amendment is herewith submitted for entry.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please make the following insertion and substitutions. A mark-up showing the changes made follows.

On Page 1 as the first paragraph of the application the please insert the following:

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- - This application is the National Phase
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